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*Thanksgiving E-News E-arly E-dition for
the Week: November 23, 2016...*

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From our Family
to Yours,
Wishing You a
Happy Thanksgiving!

RECENT LEGISLATION

Prohibiting Marijuana Advertisements Throughout the City of Los Angeles...



This week, Council approved my motion to prohibit the advertisement of marijuana now that recreational use has been approved by voters. Although the nation banned tobacco ads on television almost 50 years ago, the new statewide marijuana initiative could allow TV commercials promoting marijuana to air alongside advertisements for cereal and cleaning products.

Proposition 64 allows people age 21 and older to possess and use up to an

ounce of marijuana and would allow pot shops to sell cannabis for recreational use. The initiative also includes a provision that could someday allow cannabis sellers to advertise their products in print ads and on digital sites and radio and television stations, but would "prohibit the marketing and advertising of non-medical marijuana to persons younger than 21 years old or near schools or other places where children are present."

Although there are other impediments to marijuana ads hitting the airwaves in California, including the fact that cannabis is still recognized by the federal government as an illegal drug, the possibility that television commercials will someday arise featuring people smoking marijuana is cause for concern that would roll back decades of anti-smoking advertising protections and would allow marijuana smoking ads in prime time, on programs with millions of children and teenage viewers.

[Click here](#) to view full motion.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WE NEED YOUR HELP: Council District 12 Raising Funds for the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission's Mobile Shower Unit...



The San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission is dedicated to providing homeless men, women, children, and families the opportunity to obtain food, shelter, basic life necessities, and the chance to rebuild a foundation for individual and family restoration.



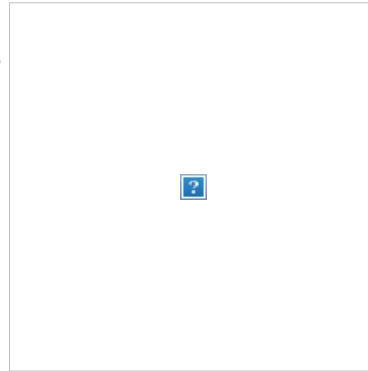
The Rescue Mission's Rescue SOS Team (Survival Outreach Services) helps individuals and families to meet basic, life-essential needs and serves as a link to social services in the community, including the organization's own emergency shelter, residential substance abuse recovery, and transitional housing programs. Throughout the week, the Rescue SOS Team truck travels to different places within the

San Fernando Valley and is equipped with a mobile shower unit, hot nutritious food, clothing, and hygiene items for distribution.

Because there is only one mobile shower unit to service the entire San Fernando Valley, the Rescue SOS Team is limited to providing showers for only 20% of the 1,500 men, women, and children they serve and accommodate each month. This is where our community can help!

Our project goal is to raise \$17,000 dollars to provide the San Fernando Valley

Rescue Mission - Rescue SOS program with a second mobile shower unit so that they can reach out and care for more families every day. Our San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission - Rescue SOS Mobile Shower Project is more than a new mobile shower, it's a way to bring resources and dignity to those that need a clean start.



[Make a Donation](#)

[Click here to donate](#), or text "@RMA #MobileMission" to 52014.

LAPD Devonshire PALS 32nd Annual Holiday Toy Drive...

CD 12 is proud to support the toy drive for underserved youth in our community hosted by the LAPD Devonshire PALS Center. PALS is accepting new, unwrapped toys, games, books, gift cards, and cash donations for children ages 0 to 17. Toys can be dropped off at the following locations:



**Council District 12 Community
Service Center
9207 Oakdale Ave.
Chatsworth**

**PALS Center
8721 Wilbur Ave.
Northridge**

**Devonshire Police Station
10250 Etiwanda Ave.
Northridge**

*The final day to drop off toys is **Friday, December 16**. The 32nd Annual Toy Drive is on December 17 at 9:00 am. To volunteer at the toy drive and for more information, call (818) 885-6432.*

Shop Local This Small Business Saturday...

Small Business Saturday is a day when shoppers across the country are encouraged to support small, local shops and boutiques throughout the community. The San Fernando Valley has a treasure trove of local businesses to choose from for all of your holiday shopping. Give thanks to your neighborhood stores by paying them a visit and shopping local this Small Business Saturday.



To learn about a few of our favorite local businesses, [click here](#) or go to your local Chamber of Commerce website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bureau of Sanitation Coming to CD12 Community Service Center...

We are now taking reservations for community members to meet one-on-one with representatives of City Departments at our Community Service Center in Chatsworth.

We have regularly scheduled time slots for community members to meet with the Planning, Police, Transportation (LADOT), Housing & Community Development, Neighborhood Empowerment Departments and the Bureau of Sanitation. This offers community members an opportunity to get information and assistance in Chatsworth without having to travel all the way downtown. Meetings are by appointment only. The following Departments are currently taking appointments:



Bureau of Sanitation
Wednesday, December 7
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Our Community Service Center is located at 9207 Oakdale Ave., Second Floor, in Chatsworth.

To RSVP and for more information, call [\(818\) 882-1212](tel:(818)882-1212).

The 7th Annual Cruise-in and Toy Drive...



Bob's Big Boy, the Rodfathers, and the Yakety-Yaks Car Club are hosting their 7th Annual Cruise-in and Toy Drive event in support of the US Military who are unable to go home for the holidays. Please bring unwrapped toys, games, and donations for boys and girls in need this holiday season.

**Friday, December 2
4:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

Bob's Big Boy

**8876 Corbin Ave.
Northridge**

For more information, call (818) 341-6383 or go to www.rod fathers.com.

St. John Baptist De La Salle Holiday Boutique...

Join the members of St. John Baptist De La Salle during their annual holiday boutique. The boutique will feature over 40 vendors that will sell handmade gifts, jewelry, and holiday décor. The event is free and open to the public.



**Friday, December 2
10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Saturday, December 3
10:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 4
8:30 am to 2:00 pm**

**St. John Baptist De La Salle
10738 Hayvenhurst Ave
Granada Hills**

For more information and to become a vendor, call (818) 363-2270.

San Fernando Valley Historical Society Las Posadas Reenactment...



For the 16th consecutive year, the San Fernando Valley Historical Society (SFVHS) in cooperation with the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department, presents the Las Posadas Reenactment this holiday season. The historical Andres Pico Adobe landmark will set the stage for Las Posadas: A traditional Mexican Christmas pageant that reenacts Mary and Joseph's search for shelter in Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus. This free community event is open to the general public and complimentary refreshments will be served.

Saturday, December 3
5:00 pm

Andres Pico Adobe Park
10940 Sepulveda Blvd.
Mission Hills

For more information, call (818) 365-7810 or go to www.sfvhs.com.

Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Boutique...

Join Our Lady of Lourdes as they host their annual Christmas Boutique. There will be jewelry, clothes, kitchen goods, food, handmade gifts, and so much more. Bring your cameras and take a picture with Santa.



Sunday, December 4
8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes
18405 Superior St.
Northridge

For more information, go to www.ollnr.org.

Swing in the Holidays with Swing Dames...



This Holiday Season, Swing Dames will be joined by host "Rob Pope", showcasing their Holiday Favorites & 40s Big Band sound with the 7-piece Swing Dames Band. Featuring stylish choreography, sophisticated costumes and dynamic vocals that soar higher than Old Glory herself, Swing Dames are sure to leave you excited for the holiday season. Tickets include show entrance and a 3-course meal.

Monday, December 5
7:00 pm

Van Nuys Airport - 94th Aero Squadron

**16320 Raymer St
Van Nuys**

To buy tickets, go to www.swingdames.brownpapertickets.com.

Chatsworth Handmade Market and Boutique...

Join My Creative Outlet as they host a handmade market and boutique featuring local artists and artisan makers. Stop by their shop and look for them at the Chatsworth Parade.



**Thursday, December 8
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**Friday, December 9
& Saturday, December 10
10:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 11
10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**My Creative Outlet
21754 Devonshire St.
Chatsworth**

For more information, go to www.mycreativeoutlet.net.

San Fernando Valley Chorale 2016 Holiday Songfest...



San Fernando Valley Chorale proudly presents their 2016 Holiday Songfest: The Wonderful World of Christmas. Director Conrad Immel has planned a thrilling selection of sacred and secular holiday songs that will bring together the Chorale's dedicated singers and

musicians to kick off your holiday with verve and style. From classical to boogie woogie, the San Fernando Valley Chorale 2016 Holiday Songfest will be an evening to remember. Vocal and instrumental solos enhance the magic of these live performances. The Chorale is a non-profit, non-sectarian group of men and women singers who share their love of music with the community. Suggested donations for performances are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children.

**Saturday, December 10
7:00 pm**

**Chapel of the Cross
10000 Sepulveda Blvd.
Mission Hills**

Sunday, December 11

5:30 pm

**Congregational Church of Chatsworth
20440 Lassen St.
Chatsworth**

For more information, call (818) 884-8897 or email dnconway@icloud.com.

Finish the Ride Holiday Challenge...

Registration is now open for the Finish The Ride, Run, Walk N' Roll Holiday Challenge 2016. Join Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) and SoCal Cross for an awesome event for everyone from beginners to hardcore athletes. All proceeds will benefit the Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) non-profit organization dedicated to preventing traffic fatalities, ending hit and run crimes and helping those who have been affected by traffic collisions.



**Sunday, December 11
6:00 am**

**Woodley Park
6100 Woodley Ave.
Van Nuys**

For more information, to become a volunteer, and to register, go to www.FinishTheRide.org.

Soroptimist of San Fernando Valley Succulent Sale...



Shop for your family's holiday tree and greens at the Soroptimist of San Fernando Valley Succulent Sale. All proceeds will fund scholarships for women in our community.

**Sunday, December 11
9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Tapia Brothers Farm Stand

**5251 Havenhurst Ave.
Encino**

For more information, call (818) 473-5118.

Wilkinson Senior Center 2016 Holiday Bazaar...

Join the Robert M. Wilkinson Multi-Purpose Senior Center as they host their 2016 Holiday Bazaar. Enjoy local vendors, holiday shopping, decorations, raffle tickets, and refreshments all in one convenient location.



Wednesday, December 14
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Wilkinson Multi-Purpose Senior Center
8956 Vanalden Ave.
Northridge

For more information, to become a vendor, and to RSVP, call (818) 885-5144.

Operation Blankets of Love Volunteer Orientation Meeting...



Operation Blankets of Love is a non-profit animal welfare and emergency relief organization. Volunteers are needed throughout Los Angeles. While Operation Blankets of Love does not work directly with animals, they provide pet aid and comfort items to homeless animals in shelters, rescue groups and pets of the homeless.

They are holding a New Volunteer

Orientation Meeting that will include an optional 30-minute private, behind-the-scenes shelter tour afterward.

Sunday, December 18
11:00 am to 12:00 pm

The East Valley Shelter
14409 Vanowen St.
Van Nuys

For more information and to RSVP, call (818) 402-6586 or email obol@obol.info. To donate, go to www.operationblanketsoflove.org.

STAFF REPORT

Reports From Our Staff: Safety Tips for Online Shopping this Holiday Season...



Our Communications Deputy, Bree Breckenridge, would like to remind you to keep your personal information safe while shopping online this weekend and throughout the Holiday Season.

Guard your personal information. Give merchants as little information as possible, entering only the required fields. Your Social Security Number or driver's license number are NOT necessary to make online purchases. Never send credit card information by e-mail or text, a legitimate business will never ask for this information. Avoid making online purchases in public Wi-Fi hotspots, such as a coffee shop, which can put your credit card numbers and other information at risk.

Use a credit card to pay safely. Credit card transactions are regulated by the Fair Credit Billing Act which can limit your liability if there is a problem with a purchase. Using debit cards, ATM cards, or checks could expose you to bank fraud and cashiers checks while money orders offer no protection if there are problems with the purchase. Money transfer services such as Western Union or Moneygram are also favorites of scammers because they are also extremely difficult to trace.

Make sure that the online store is a secure website. Look for "https://" and the closed padlock symbol in your browser next to the URL. This means that extra steps are taken to ensure your credit card information is protected. If you aren't familiar with a company, consider placing an inexpensive order first.

Check the URL address and beware of malicious websites that may look identical to the legitimate one. Fake URL addresses may look similar, but can use a variation in domain or spelling.

Keep a record of your order and retain the documentation and check your card statements promptly. Contact the card issuer immediately if there are problems.

If you have problems with an online shopping site, contact seller or site operator directly to resolve the issues. For more information and safety tips, [click here](#).



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